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### REMARKS

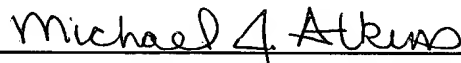
Claims 1-33 were originally presented for examination. Claims 1-33 were the subject of a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 16, 2003. Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I, drawn to a method for plant trait analysis and data management. Applicants further elect without traverse the patentably distinct species of the claimed invention related to a directed screen to identify an altered level of a biochemical component, which is the subject of pending claim 14 and readable on claims 1-11 and 15-25. Claims 12 and 13 are withdrawn as nonelected species of the claimed invention, but Applicants reserve the right to reinstate these claims if a generic claims covering the species is held to be allowable. Claims 26-33 are canceled in response to the restriction requirement, but Applicants reserve the right to file future divisional applications covering the subject matter and inventions of these claims.

### CONCLUSION

It is believed that Applicants have fully responded to the restriction requirement raised by the Examiner and requests examination on the merits of all remaining pending claims, 1-11, and 14-25. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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